

VERNON ARTS COMMISSION

Minutes of June 6, 2012

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Commissioners (C) & Associates (A) Present: **Guests:**
Andrea Nardi (A) Lisa Ouellette (C) John Kopec –Town
Bobbie Orne (C) Bill Walach (C) Council Rep.
Ross Novgrad

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Acting Chair Bill Walach. John Kopec, the Vernon Town Council Representative to the VAC was introduced and welcomed.

Minutes: Minutes were corrected to read “Acting Chair Lisa Ouellette” (pg.1). A motion to approve the minutes was tabled until July due to lack of a quorum.

Treasurer’s Report:

Town Account	(All for Advertising)	\$674.72
Friends of VAC:		\$787.14

Treasurer’s Report circulated. A motion to approve the report was tabled until the July meeting due to lack of a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **RHS Annual VAC Scholarships.** Consideration of the suggestion for an additional scholarship for “writing” tabled until the July meeting.
- **Letters to Vernon Schools re: VAC-funded Art Programs.** Lisa presented a draft form to be sent to all school principals explaining the program and application for funds process. Lisa to follow up with a phone call sometime in July. Process approved. More discussion at the July meeting.
- **RHS Student VAC Representative.** No response from Jill Goldberg to date and Bobbie will try contacting others at school – e.g., principal, Eric Bain in Guidance Counseling, etc.
- **DECD grant.** Discussion tabled until July.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Bill’s Veterans’ Program Plans:** Bill has designed a flyer to publicize a Forum for Vernon Veterans interested in the Arts. He will work with Lori & the VCAC to coordinate the date, time and location

of this Forum, likely date will be Tuesday, November 13th at the VCAC. Bill is considering a request for VAC funding to support this endeavor.

- **VAC Artist's Forum:** Next Forum will held on Monday, July 23rd probably at Mitchell's because the VCAC is not yet ready to host groups. Bill will circulate Veterans Forum flyers to those attending.
- **New VAC Sign, Banner:** Thomasina circulated (via e-mail) the types of signs and materials available, sizes and prices for a proposed sign, banner she found when she investigated the issue with local merchants. Discussion tabled until July.
- **Special VAC Meeting Required To Use Treasury Monies for Advertising Before June 30th????** The issue was raised because no quorum at tonight's meeting to vote on allocation of funds before end of fiscal year. Lisa will query John Ward about requirements and advise VAC members via e-mail.
- **VAC Web Site:** Some questions were raised about the make up of the VAC, e.g., number of commissioners and the status of "associate" or "alternate" members and their roles. It was determined that the VAC By-Laws need to be consulted. Bobbie will locate the document and bring copies to the July meeting. Further discussion tabled until the July meeting. Members need to bring the circulated hard (e-mail) copy of the web site with them to the July meeting.

The next VAC meeting will be held on Monday, July 2, 2012 at 7 PM at the Teen Center at Center 375, Route 30. Lisa Ouellette will be the Acting Chair. Members were reminded about the Grand Opening of the VCAC on Saturday, June 9th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbie Orne, Secretary